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**DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION** 

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW STATUTE REVISIONS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

**Conference Room A**, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: May 10, 2011

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christopher J. Whitfield Ricky H. Allamong Andy Staton Vincent White

#### **DIVISION STAFF/ DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III Kay Warren, Deputy Director, Division of Professional Regulation

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Charlotte Herbert Andy Taylor Debbie Puzzo

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Whitfield called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE (for discussion only)

It was discussed that there may be some items from the list of approved recommendations from the Joint Sunset Committee's April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting that need to be added to the proposed revised statute. The proposed revisions will need to be put in bill format and presented to the Real Estate Commission for review and approval at the next meeting which is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Subcommittee members discussed if they were ready to do this or to focus on the areas of auctioneers, property managers and new home builders' sales representatives. Ms. Herbert

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advised that there is another meeting scheduled for the Joint Sunset Committee on May 24<sup>th</sup> and suggested that the Commission may be able to address some issues at that meeting. A discussion was held regarding were the Division stands on these issues. It was discussed that the Division should have provided more support during the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Melvin was asked to see if Mr. Collins or Ms. Warren was available to come into the meeting to discuss this. Ms. Warren advised that the Commission has had the Division's full support. It was requested that she and/or Mr. Collins attend the next meeting which was scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Subcommittee reviewed the minutes from the March 16, 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Allamong to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Taylor suggested that the Subcommittee look again at dual agency. He had some concerns about comments that Representative Kowalko had made.

The Subcommittee recessed from 10:37 a.m. to 10:48 a.m.

During the break, Debbie Puzzo happened to be in the building and Mr. Whitfield asked her to come into the meeting. Ms. Puzzo advised that the proposed bill that the Commission submits to the Joint Sunset Committee should only include the JSC recommendations. She advised that the Commission could always put forward their own bill to address other issues. She explained about the meeting scheduled on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Puzzo did agree that the Commission could address some clean-up issues at that meeting. However, she would need an email in advance with those issues. Ms. Puzzo advised that the minutes from the meeting held on April 27<sup>th</sup> would be posted tonight. Subcommittee members requested that Ms. Melvin email the minutes to them the next morning.

Mr. Whitfield will send the latest version of the statute to Subcommittee members. The following items will be addressed at the meeting scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>:

Property managers – expand on the corporate entity language. Mr. Whitfield will talk with Kevin Wolfgang for support.

Once licensed, always licensed – This is an exception to the exception in Section 2901(e). Mr. Staton will contact the auctioneers for support. Mr. Whitfield will contact the home builders and Representative Ramone for support. Ms. Herbert indicated that DAR supports this.

CMA language – The sentence proposed by DAR and approved by the JSC need to be added.

Any other clerical changes – Ms. Heeney and Mr. Taylor will review the proposed revisions and the JSC minutes.

## REVIEW OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

This was tabled.

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# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for May 10, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Staton, seconded by Mr. Allamong to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III